

PHILIP HARTMAN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 166.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

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when said year had expired, and said term of service ended, they and said Philip continued another year in Captain Fesich's company, and that they joined in with the French artillery near Morristown," &c.

The petitioner has been receiving a pension for some time, awarded to him by the department, which recently has thought proper to strike his name from the list of pensioners, on account of the "*vague and unsatisfactory proof of service.*" The committee, upon due examination of the case, are of opinion that the first year's service, under the enlistment with the witnesses, is sufficiently proved to entitle the petitioner to a pension for said term of one year; and they therefore report a bill.

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